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SUBJECT: ASSURANCES IN RESPONSE TO REPORT OF BLUE HOUSE BUGGING

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1. IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER MORNING OF APRIL 6 FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH SUBORDINATES PRESENT, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED IF IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A LETTER FROM ME GIVING THE GIST OF THE ASSURANCES I HAD JUST PROVIDED. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT ONLY IN THIS MANNER COULD WE ONCE AND FOR ALL PUT THE MATTER TO REST. I TOLD HIM THAT AT PRESENT I WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO TAKE THAT STEP BUT UNDERTOOK TO QUERY WASHINGTON REGARDING THIS POSSIBILITY.

2. I BELIEVE THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF VIRTUE IN MEETING THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST ON THIS MATTER. BLUE HOUSE BUGGING HAS NOW COME UP ONCE TOO OFTEN AND SHOULD FINALLY BE PUT TO REST. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 7, I INTEND TO PROVIDE FOREIGN MINISTER WITH A BRIEF NOTE CONTAINING THE ASSURANCE IN PARA 1 REFTEL.

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